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SESSION ENDS ON MARCH 20

**Missouri Solons Will End Their
Labors on That Day.
OR NEW IMMIGRATION BOARD.**

Original One Is Killed in the House
and a New One Agreed Upon in Cam-
pus—Old Capitol Building Will Be
Repaired—Game Fund Slightly In-
creased.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 12.—The
forty-sixth general assembly will in
all probability end its work on the
20th of this month. A joint and con-
current resolution has been adopted
in the house to this effect and it is
expected that the senate will con-
cur therein within a few days. The most
important measures have either been
passed or are on a safe voyage
through the assembly and those that
are of minor importance will be left
to try again some other time. The
house is said to have the larger por-
tion of its work complete and a cal-
endar committee was appointed and



HIRAM LLOYD.

to them is let the work of weeding out
the best bills for recommendation to
the house. The work of this committee
is to sift the calendar and drop all
the bills that have no chance for pas-
sage or that are so unimportant that
their passage or death is of little con-
cern.

The senate will soon be in the same
position with the house and the sena-
tors are busy disposing of the most
important business. Leaders of both
houses say that much more work has
been accomplished than was expected
and they are for the most part well
satisfied with this session.

The house has appropriated \$12,000
for the rehabilitation of the old cap-
itol building and the senate has con-
curred therein. The bill was fought
by many of the representatives, since
they feared that if the money for the
repair of the old building was allowed
that an effort would be made to sub-
tract the issue of building a new one
for the next ten years to come. Mr.
Lloyd, a contractor of several years'
experience, said that this would not
conflict with the building of a new cap-
itol, and that if the work of build-
ing a new one was commenced within
sixty days, the state officers would be
without a place to conduct the state
affairs for more than two and a half
years. Others said that if a new cap-
itol was to be built at the present
site the repaired building would have
to be razed. This was answered that
a new one would not be built in the
exact location of the old one. After
considerable debate the bill was adopt-
ed in the house by a vote of 92 to 40.

More Money for Game Fund.
The appropriation for the game de-
partment was increased during the
week, after a hard fight. The bill was
to increase the game fund from \$75-
425 to \$125,000. The bill was passed
by about four votes, but the result
was not announced until after a
search for stragglers had been made
in the lobby. Enough of them were
secured to make the vote a tie. After
some deliberation it was finally agreed
to compromise the matter and the
fund was increased to \$90,000, of
which amount \$26,750 was set aside
for the pay of deputies. The Boyd bill
striking out the county license feature
was killed, as was the bill to abolish
all deputy game wardens, and the
number was fixed at sixteen, one in
each congressional district. While
the friends of the game warden did
not get all they wanted from the leg-
islature, they are seemingly satisfied.

The senate committee which was
appointed to investigate the alleged
padding of the school enumeration
has made a report to the effect that
the enumerations have been padded
for many years. In some cases ficti-
tious names were given, but the
names of the parents were omitted.
It is said that often the names of
dead people were used. The commit-
tee recommended the passage of a
law which will distribute money from
the records taken from the schools.

Appropriations Held Down.
There has been a general tendency
to hold down appropriations during
this session of the legislature. Many

of the state department have been
shaved down to the bone and the
most recent to suffer by the economy
local tactics was the bureau of labor
statistics, which is to be cut from \$46-
750 to \$39,750. Assistant General Run-
bold asked for \$10,000 for the rural re-
serves, but he got nothing. He also
asked that his clerks receive the same
pay as that received by the clerks of
the other departments, and this was
also turned down. And so on down
the line. In some cases extra appro-
priations have been made, but the
salaries generally lopped off enough
from something else to make up for
their generosity.

Many home rule bills have been
passed during the week, but none of
them will become laws. Governor
Hadley looks upon them as partisan
measures and they will never receive
his signature.

Hadley Vetoes Police Bill.
For some time it was believed that
the members of the legislature would
ignore the question of erecting a new
capitol and that it was their intention
to force the governor to call an extra
session for the consideration of the
proposition. Many of the legislators
say that this was nothing more than
rumor and the majority of them are
backing up their contention by show-
ing a tendency to take some steps in
the premises before adjournment.

Gov. Hadley vetoed the home rule
police bill for St. Louis, Kansas City
and St. Joseph providing for the elec-
tion of two democrats and two Repub-
lican police commissioners for each
city. The bill providing for the ap-
pointment by the state central com-
mittee of the two leading parties of
supervisors of election for all cities
having registration laws, was also ve-
toed.

Wilson Makes Plea for Quail.

The senate passed a bill to save the
quail from extermination. The bill
had a very narrow escape and it is
said that only the eloquence of Sena-
tor Wilson saved it from defeat. Sena-
tors Oliver, White and Bruhn were
disposed to kill the bill, since they
did not believe that the extra precau-
tion of a closed season for three years
was necessary. They had apparently
convinced their colleagues when Sena-
tor Francis Wilson took the floor and
in a flight of oratory he gained the at-
tention of the senate. He spoke only
a short time, but his appeal won over
the senators and a few minutes after
he had taken his seat the bill was
passed and Bob White will be protect-
ed until 1914. That is at least so far
as the senate is concerned.

The friends of the Springfield-Joplin
charter bill will make another effort
to have the bill passed before the day
of adjournment. Charles W. Fox and
a delegation of labor representatives
are strongly in favor of the passage of
the bill and they claim that they will
change over enough votes to reverse
the previous action.

Poultry Experiment Station.
An appropriation of \$5,000, for the
establishment of a poultry experiment
station at Mountain Grove, was passed
by the house. The fruit experiment
station is located in the same place
and despite the fact that the friends
of the State university made an effort
to have it located at Columbia, the
Oriskany people outwitted them and won
the day.

The Clapper bill, providing for the
creation of a commission to purchase
uniform text books for all school dis-
tricts of the state, excepting those in
cities of 50,000 or more, was sent to
engagement in the house. Mr. Orr
of Livingston county was of the im-
pression that the school book trust
would welcome any legislation that
would force the school children of the
state to purchase a new set of books.
The bill is not favored by the mem-
bers from the rural districts, and while
it had enough to be engrossed, it is
not thought that it will be passed.

New Immigration Board.
The house killed the bill providing
for an appropriation to maintain the
immigration bureau for the next two
years at least. They also refused to
repeal the business men of St. Louis
and Kansas City for advancing the
money to keep the board alive in the
last two years. After the adjournment
of the last legislature it was found
that there was no appropriation for
the immigration board. Business men
of the two cities mentioned and of
Springfield decided to advance the
money, being at that time confident
that the next legislature would not
only repay them, but would also ap-
propriate for the maintenance of the
board for the next two years to come.
The governor promised that he would
do all in his power to have the money
refunded, and the action of the leg-
islature was over his objection. Repre-
sentative Bowers of Wayne county
said, "I am against the appropriation
because every dollar you spend with
your immigration bureau is another
dollar to bring a Republican vote to
Missouri." After the bill had been
killed the Democrats went into ses-
sion and decided to create a new im-
migration board. It is to be com-
posed of the governor, attorney gen-
eral, state auditor, secretary of state
and state treasurer. An appropriation
of \$20,000 was made for use of this
board. The Republicans consider this
action as very partisan, but the Demo-
crats argue that not a few Republi-
cans aided them in killing the original
immigration measure.

The redistricting measure will be one
of the last to be taken up before ad-
journment. Several bills have been
introduced to this end during the ses-
sion.

The bill to limit the salaries to all
les and which will do away with the
swindle laws was advanced by the
senate. It is believed that the bill
has a fair chance to pass.

L. R. LUTHEWITT.

Spring Announcement

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Does the democratic party own
Missouri? Democratic leaders
seem to think so.

Hon. Jesse Tolerton has made
a manly fight for the game and
fish laws and for an appropri-
ation sufficient to enforce them.
Some of the conservative and
unprejudiced democrats in the
legislature have sustained him
earnestly.

The democratic contestants
are contesting on the order of
the Democratic State Committee,
hence they will have but little of
the costs to pay.

A great state like Missouri
cannot be governed successfully
without sufficient revenue to
meet necessary expenses. Suf-
ficient revenue does not mean
money for grafters, or for offi-
cials or departments to spend in-
discriminately. It means money
enough with which to meet the
legitimate appropriations of the
Legislature. Governor Hadley
asked for no more and is right
in suggesting that no less be
provided for.

Col. Bill Phelps, of Jasper, dis-
cussing a bill intended to cripple
the Game and Fish Commission-
er's good work, said to his demo-
cratic associates in the House of
Representatives "Let's be men.
Either kill this law or make am-
ple appropriations for its en-
forcement. Don't stab it in the
back." That was a manly
speech and it had its effect on
manly men, for it greatly dim-
inished opposition to the game and
fish laws.

A RANK PARTISAN SCHEME

The democrats in the legisla-
ture have so far failed to ap-
propriate \$25,000 advanced by citi-
zens of St. Louis, Springfield
and Kansas City to meet the ex-
penses of the immigration Board
in 1909 and 1910, thus repudi-
ating an honest claim against the
State and serving notice on citi-
zens not to assist a republican
governor in his effort to increase
the population of Missouri by
advertising the resources of the
state and inviting immigration.
One of the Bourbons in the
House shouted out the "argu-
ment" used by the democrats
when he said, "for every dollar
we give this Immigration Board
we will get a republican." The
democratic caucus has agreed
upon a bill creating a new com-
mission to be composed of the
Governor, Attorney General,

Secretary of State and Auditor
who are authorized to select an
Immigration Commissioner. An
appropriation of \$20,000 is to be
made for this commission. Of
course the Commissioner will be
a democrat. The bill is simply
a measure to create a fat office
for a democrat, without refer-
ence to its utility as an immigra-
tion agency. Governor Hadley
will be applauded if he vetoes it.
It is another rank partisan
scheme. How long will the peo-
ple of Missouri tolerate the part-
isan policies of these rank Anti-
Hadley, Anti-progressive politi-
cal bigots?

HADLEY HIT 'EM RIGHT

Wm. Marion Reedy, who edits
the St. Louis Mirror, is a demo-
crat of liberal views but is
against shams and schemes in
politics. In a late edition of his
paper he aptly remarks: "Gov-
ernor Hadley is right in opposing
so called home rule bills for St.
Louis the effect of which will be
to enable the organization of a
bi-partisan combine to let every-
thing loose in this community.
This city wants home rule, wants
it very much. But this city does
not want a "fixed" police force
and a "fixed" exercise board to
peddle out to favorites privilege
to break the laws of the State
and ordinances of the city. We
don't like the lid. But neither
do we want a bi-partisan graft
domination of this town."

The democrats in the legisla-
ture turned down the appeals of
Joplin and Springfield for legis-
lature providing for new char-
ters. The appeals coarsely re-
jected, at the behest of the
democratic bosses in the two
cities, although many prominent
democrats in each city were be-
hind the movement for charter
reform and urged the democratic
leaders in the legislature to pass
the bills. Now, will these dis-
appointed and ill-treated demo-
crats continue to support the
party in the interests of which
these bills were mercilessly re-
jected? Time will tell.

President Taft was not bluff-
ing when he said he would call
an extra session of congress un-
less the legislation deemed nec-
essary was enacted by the ex-
piring congress. He meant
business.

"Lost in Society's Whirl" is
attraction at the Opera House
Tuesday, March 21.

THAT SPECIAL MESSAGE

In his special message to the
Legislature on home rule legis-
lation Governor Hadley boldly
asserted that it is as much his
duty to oppose, by message to
the legislature, any pending
legislation he believes to be dan-
gerous to public interest as to
suggest legislation for the public
good. The fact that his prede-
cessors may not have attempted,
in that manner, to prevent bad
legislation did not deter Gov-
ernor Hadley, who has his own
good way of doing things. He
had, in a previous message,
clearly stated his position and
there was no reason to suppose
that he would change his mind.
He had caused to be prepared
and introduced in both houses
home rule bills devoid of partisan
color and which fully protect
both the cities and the state.
Had they been submitted by a
democratic governor they would
doubtless have been promptly
accepted by the democrats of the
legislature.

The immediate effect of Gov-
ernor Hadley's message was the
exposure of a purely partisan
scheme to use the demand of the
cities for home rule as a political
club. That scheme exposed, the
democratic leaders were left in a
bad dilemma. To pass only their
caucus home rule bills in the face
of the certain veto of the gov-
ernor meant to defeat all home
rule legislation. To put under
way home rule bills embodying
some his suggestions was a party
expedient. This was done after
their home rule police bill had
been passed in both houses, and
before the party leaders had re-
covered from their violent fit of
anger—before they had become
politically sober. They have put
their caucus bills through how-
ever, as another matter of party
expediency.

IMMIGRATION AND POLITICS

"Immigration Has Friends"
is the caption of a news article
in the St. Louis Republic telling
how the democratic caucus at
Jefferson City proposed to abol-
ish the non-partisan Board of
Immigration Commissioners, to
repudiate its operations in 1909
and 1910 and to create in its
stead a board to be controlled by
democratic state officials. The
impudence, the audacity and the
unblushing piracy of the demo-
cratic majority in the present
legislature has never been equal-
led. Immigration has few
friends in that crowd.